

# Ke `Alemanaka

## The Parish Postings

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From Rev. Liz



Our Parish Administrator knows only too well how difficult it is for me to write for Ke `Alemanaka each month. My article is usually the last piece she gets before finalizing the newsletter to print. This particular article is especially difficult. On the one hand, I should be joyful that this is my last article! On the other hand, I'm sad that this is my last article. Those two "hands" pretty much describe how I'm feeling about retiring and leaving the Islands and this parish community.

In 2001, I knew I was home as soon as I walked off the plane and into the group of search committee members there to greet me. They deposited me in Pam Fern's new truck, which is now slightly older than my baby SUV, and took me to Nu`uanu for the next 6 weeks – Dana Anderson's family home, which she graciously offered for my first residence.

I had arrived 7 days earlier than I expected because Bishop Chang wanted me at the diocesan convention. I sat with a group of St. Clement's people at the evening dinner event. Kupuna awards were being given to a number of diocesan kupuna. I asked one older couple at our table if they had received one of those awards yet and their response startled me and had the table laughing. "Oh no. We don't want one. You get that award and then you die!" That gave me a taste of the type of humor in the parish.

Over the next 14 years I would have incredible experiences. Evening discussion groups, well-known mainland speakers, outreach ministries that were almost always the ideas of parishioners who took them on as coordinators, barbecues, parish bashes that originally were stewardship dinners but eventually became happy bashes for bringing the parish community together.

There have been the folks who have supported our community through their quiet ministries – altar guild, food and kitchen workers, folding the monthly newsletters, repairs around the campus, the Chapel of Peace – all those tasks that we take for granted but would certainly notice if they weren't done.



We have tackled difficult topics especially in the first Tuesday discussions we once had – death with dignity, the Hawaiian sovereignty efforts, the abortion issue, war in the Middle East – the list went on and on. If there was a difficult topic, the parish was invited to come together to discuss it.

I remember well the morning that Paul Loo called me on the phone and said "If I gave you \$250,000, do you think we could start the capital renovation project at St. Clement's?" Once I recovered from my shock, I said "Of course!" A project with the goal of about \$800,000 eventually raised about \$1.7 million dollars. We continue to enjoy the fruits of that campaign today in our renovated parish house and offices, the landscaping and labyrinth, the re-wiring of the church, and many other smaller renovations that made a beautiful physical plant for our faith community. (That same year, 2005, our parish pledges also increased about 20%!) A few years later we would rebuild our Austin organ, which was "born" in 1942.



There was the parish cathedral hopping trip to England and the travel of many parishioners over a number of trips to see the Palestine-Israel lands and witness the issues.

One of the first questions I heard after arriving was from the retired bishop of Utah when he stood in for our own bishop who was on sabbatical. He asked us, "Would the community miss St. Clement's if it weren't here?" That has been the question that has guided my own ministry and the direction we as a parish took as we developed our

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## Attendance and Offerings for October

October Attendance	545
October Offerings	\$19,649
YTD Income as of 10/31/15	\$568,269
YTD Expenses as of 10/31/15	\$625,859

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**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE**

**Tuesday, December 15, 2015**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hau'oli la hanau to all  
 Those born in October

December 1	Jackie Kido
December 2	Nicholas Lino
December 3	Madelaine Gangnes
December 4	Peter Wikeen
December 5	Pam McCoy Wyatt Young
December 8	Yolanda Chang
December 9	Soane Lino
December 11	Richard Shields
December 12	Cecilia Fordham Jack McDermott
December 13	Connor Hong
December 14	Christopher Golding
December 15	Scott Suzuki-Jones
December 16	Lorraine Dove
December 18	Pat Sekiya
December 19	Tim Hurd
December 22	Calvin Peel Gerald Takei
December 23	Katsue Reynolds
December 24	Bonnie Town
December 25	Ginny Kamikawa Ellen Wood
December 28	Josie Krueger Martha Laxson Nancy Nakamura
December 29	Ginny LaPierre
December 30	Jim Quimby
December 31	Julia Golding Sam Hawk

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!

## Christmas Worship Opportunities

**Sunday, December 20**

**10:15 am - Service of Lessons & Carols**

**Christmas Eve**

**5 pm - Family Service**

**10 pm - Christmas Carol Sing**

**10:30 pm - Festive Carol Eucharist**

**Christmas Day**

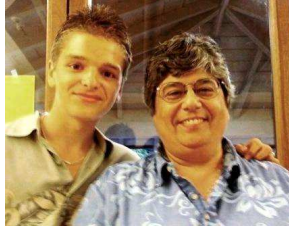
**9 am - Christmas Eucharist**

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outreach ministries. It was a major thrust of our request for grant funds during our renovations that resulted in a total of \$500,000 from three different local foundations.

Over the years we have developed the monthly food distribution and lunch ministry; we have strengthened our relationship with IHS; we have connected with YO! House and become intimately involved in that ministry; our farmers market was an outgrowth of what was initially a short activity developed by the Friends of the Makiki Library.

The parish supported me with my sabbaticals. In 2007, during my first sabbatical, I was able to travel to Romania and connect with family that I had never met and to be welcomed into a Romanian family that began with hiring the husband and father as my tour guide and driver. That relationship continues to this day, including a visit by their then-teenage son who attended Mid-Pac for a summer. I was also able to take a 2-week woodworking course in Maine, drive to Michigan to visit family, and spend 6 weeks with the sisters of the Society of St. Margaret in Roxbury, Massachusetts.



During my time with you I also met the person to whom I would eventually be married. Cristy was/is an Associate Professor in the College of Education at UH and critically ill. During our developing relationship she continued to search for treatments for three autoimmune diseases that were progressively fatal. Her search took us to Bangkok, where cutting edge stem cell transplants were performed. Eventually, we ended up at one of the top ten hospitals in the world, Anadolu Medical Center, just south of Istanbul, Turkey. We spent two months there where she received an autologous stem cell transplant that resulted in the removal of those three diseases from her body. Five years later, she is still disease-free. Cristy was required to have a companion accompany her through the entire process. Without the support of the vestry and this parish, I wouldn't have been able to do that and she very likely would not have survived. We continue to be incredibly thankful for the support and encouragement of this community.

Our relationship with St. Clement's School changed from one of separation and animosity to one of community and mutual support. A new and active school board was formed from representatives of church and school and the community, the standards and accreditation of the school were brought up to date, and we were able to eventually hire a Head of School who, God willing, will provide the stability and excellence that we all depend on.

Of course, everything hasn't always been rosy. But following Matthew 18:15-18 and depending on transparency and rumor control, I think we have been able to come through those few times that could have seriously affected the health of our parish.

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## Mahalo Nui Loa

♥ To **Tanner Haworth** for bailing out the area in front of the Parish House port cochere on a recent rainy Sunday morning.

♥ To contributors of pies to the pie -fest following the joint service with the Lutheran Church of Honolulu.

## Will You Run?

If you would like to run for Vestry or diocesan convention delegate, elections will be taking place at the annual meeting on January 31, 2016. Vestry members determine the direction of the parish and act as the legal entity that represents the parish. Vestry members:

- meet at least once a month on a day determined by the new vestry;
- are expected to make an annual financial pledge to the Parish;
- regularly attend Sunday morning worship;
- willingly volunteer and serve on working groups developed by the vestry; and
- attend parish events, including adult formation offerings.


In other words, vestry members need to be visible and active in the congregation. It's especially important to serve on the vestry in 2016 because that is the year of searching for the next rector and the vestry will have some very significant decisions to make. There are three three-year positions and a single one-year position open.

The parish also needs to elect six diocesan convention delegates who will represent St. Clement's at the annual diocesan convention at the end of October. This position involves reading the information that comes from the diocese, like the annual diocesan budget, resolutions, and deciding who to elect to diocesan positions. There is often one meeting for St. Clement's delegates before the annual meeting to ensure that the delegation is on the same page with their understanding of all the material.

If you are interested in either position, please email your bio and your photo to [parishadmin@stclem.org](mailto:parishadmin@stclem.org) no later than **January 15, 2016**.



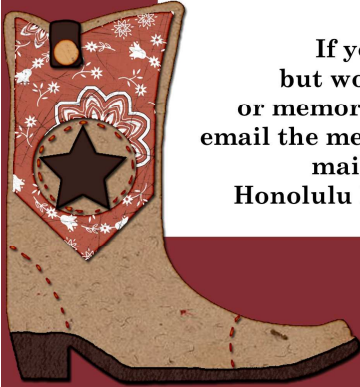
# YOU'RE INVITED




*Join us to wish  
a fond aloha to  
Reverend Liz & Cristy*

**Sunday, December 27, 2015**  
**5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Paniolo-Style BBQ**  
**St. Clement's Parish Hall**

RSVP for catered dinner required by 12/15  
Email: [secretary@stclem.org](mailto:secretary@stclem.org)  
or call (808) 955-7745



If you are unable to attend,  
but would like to send a message  
or memory to be included in a gift book,  
email the message to [secretary@stclem.org](mailto:secretary@stclem.org) or  
mail to 1515 Wilder Avenue,  
Honolulu HI 96822, attn: Paniolo Aloha."



## Other Transitions at St. Clement's

"I write to let you know that Hilary Gangnes, our Senior Warden, has resigned. Hilary has served as Senior Warden for the past three years and has been a supportive advisor and supporter of the Rector during that time. Three years has been the average time a Senior Warden has served at St. Clement's during my time as Rector. Considering her fulltime workload as a member of the judiciary, Hilary has said that she couldn't commit the necessary time to be an effective rector during the transition.

Liz Baldwin, our Junior Warden, has agreed to step in as acting Senior Warden until the time a permanent Senior Warden is appointed.

I've appreciated Hilary's time and energy and counsel as Senior Warden over the past three years. She has been good for the health of the parish; she has been good for the Rector. Please thank her for her ministry when you see her!"

~~ From an email from Rev. Liz

Amanda Doty and Mary Carpenter, co-chairs of the Punahou Carnival Parking for the last 14+ years – Mary for most of those years, and Amanda for all of them — will be relinquishing their roles after the 2016 event. Amanda and Mary will tell you all the ins and outs of the church's only FUNdraiser. We're looking for volunteers to take up the mantle. How about YOU? Contact the church office to say "Yes, I'll do it!"

~~ Submitted by Sandy Souza



## People of Time and Place



It's funny where God can lead us. It was at this time last year that my family and I were preparing to pack up our life and move to Hawai'i. It felt like a brave new adventure at the time. My head and heart were full of mixed emotions, and my calendar was filled with various "to dos" ranging from organizing yard sales, to selling the family car.

In the midst of it all, St. Clement's invited me to write my very first Ke `Alemanaka article. In it I shared my own reflections on my life journey, and what a wonderful, fascinating, and surprising turn of events to be looking forward to being with a parish community some 4,700 miles away.

So as God leads us *to* places, God also leads us *away*. Now it is Rev. Liz's turn to do the moving, experience those emotions, to have her calendar filled with "to dos," and to look forward to moving to a new community some 4,700 miles away (yes, it's almost the same distance from Honolulu to Brisbane, Australia as it is from Honolulu to Northern Florida!)

As people of time and place, when someone comes or someone goes, it raises a whole set of emotions, thoughts and feelings, many of which may be unexpectedly strong. The picture of how we had imagined things suddenly changes; time and place suddenly seem different as well.

In Rev. Liz, I'm saying "goodbye, for now" to a mentor, a colleague and friend: a strong supporter of my gifts, and an honest mirror of my weaknesses. In this, I'm not immune to some of the mixed feelings which you may have in this time of transition and change.

However, St. Clement's, I am here for you, as your Associate, your pastor, teacher, and friend: part of a strong clergy staff team that will also include the Interim Rector. And I love it here, this wonderful eclectic space, a place I now call home. And although it's almost "funnily-far" from where I thought God would ever lead, I'm sure glad that the Divine most certainly did!

~~ Peace and blessings  
Chris+



## The Goldings Like This - Christmas Carols

Throughout 2015, the Golding family is sharing some of their "Likes" with you as a fun little "getting to know you" exercise.



This month marks one year of "Like This" articles from the Golding family. Mahalo for reading throughout the year, and for sharing your feedback. Stay tuned for a brand new segment from the Goldings, starting in January's Ke `Alemanaka!

**Christopher likes "Silent Night."** "Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht," in the German, this

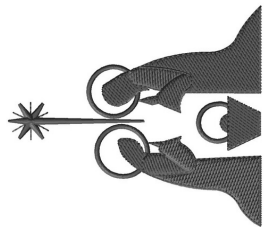
beautiful carol's music was composed by Austrian composer Franz Xaver Gruber (b. 1787 d. 1863). Gruber set lyrics written by a local priest, Joseph Mohr (b. 1792 d. 1848), to music to be performed at St. Nicholas parish church in Oberndorf on Christmas Eve 1818. In 1859 Episcopal Priest, John Freeman Young (b. 1820 d. 1885), published an English translation which is still used to this day.

**Julia likes "Ring Christmas Bells,"** originally "Shchedryk," a spring time song based upon a traditional Ukrainian folk tune. Shchedryk was composed by Mykola Leontovych (b. 1877 d. 1921). English lyrics (not based upon the original Ukrainian lyrics) were written by Peter J. Wilhousky (b. 1902 d. 1978), who was also Ukrainian, but who was based in New York City for most of his professional life. The Christmas Carol, "Ring Christmas Bells," premiered in NYC's Carnegie Hall in 1921 and became popular in the United States from that time.

**Phoebe and James like "Jingle Bells"** by James Lord Pierpont (b. 1822 d. 1893). Jingle Bells was originally copyrighted under the name "One Horse Open Sleigh" on September 16, 1857. The carol has the unusual distinction of being the first song broadcast from space, featuring in a Christmas themed prank on the Gemini VI mission of 1965.



# DECEMBER 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue
		<b>1</b> 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 5:00 Labyrinth Open-PKG 6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH
<b>6</b> 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:30 Bible Study-PH1 8:45 Adult Discussion-PH 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>7 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 12:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM Class-SL 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AL-Anon-PH	<b>8</b> 9:00 SCS Campus Tours-CH 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH
<b>13</b> 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:30 Bible Study-PH1 8:45 Adult Discussion-PH 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 11:30 Prayer Chain Mtg.-PH1 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>14 Clergy Sabbath</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 B2 Building Gingerbread Houses-PH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM Class-SL 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AL-Anon-PH	<b>15</b> 9:00 SCS Campus Tours-CH 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1  <b>Ke`Alemanaka Deadline</b>
<b>20</b> 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:30 Bible Study-PH1 8:45 Adult Discussion-PH 9:30 Sunday School 10:15 Service of Lessons & Carols-CH 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	<b>21 Clergy Sabbath</b> <b>St. Thomas, the Apostle</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM Class-SL 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AL-Anon-PH	<b>22</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1 3:30 Book Study-Kahala Nui
<b>27 Rev. Liz &amp; Cristy's</b> <b>Last Sunday</b> <b>ONE SERVICE @ 9 am</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist-CH 5:30 Retirement Party-PH 7:00 Daily Reflections-SL	<b>28 Clergy Sabbath</b> <b>Holy Innocents Day</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 6:00 EFM Class-SL 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 AL-Anon-PH	<b>29</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 2:00 Staff Meeting-PH1

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>2</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 Holy Folders-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2 5:45 Na'Ohana BOD-SL 7:00 Evening Prayer-CH</p> <p><b>Ke `Alemanaka Assembly</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 Holy Eucharist-Arcadia 11:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 9:30 C2 Gingerbread House-PH 11:30 Staff Appreciation Fiesta/Lunch-PH/KIT 2:00 FOYO Meeting-PH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>St. Clement of Alexandria</b> 8:30 1st Aid Training-PH 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 12:00 Tourist Wedding-CH 2:00 Tourist Wedding-CH</p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:00 SCS B1 Christmas Party-PH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 EV's-PH1 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:00 SCS Campus Tours-CH 10:00 SCS Class X-mas Party-PH 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:00 SCS Joy of Giving Chapel-CH 8:30 Na 'ohana Performance-PH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 10:00 Tae Kwan Do-PG</p>
<p><b>16</b> 8:00 SCS Chapel &amp; Birthday Blessings-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 11:00 Staff Lunch @ Tony Roma's 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:00 SCS Campus Tours-CH 3:00 Book Study-Kahala Nui 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH</p>	<p><b>18</b> 9:00 SCS Christmas Program-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 10:30 Food Dist. Prep.-PH/KIT 11:30 Food Distribution-PH/KIT 2:00 Tourist Wedding-CH</p>
<p><b>23</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>	<p><b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <b>Office Closes at Noon</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 5:00 Family X-mas Eve Svc-CH 10:00 Christmas Carol Sing-CH 10:30 Festive Carol Service-CH</p> <p><b>No Farmers Market</b></p>	<p><b>25 Christmas Day</b> <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 9:00 Christmas Service-CH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</b> 9:00 Altar Guild-CH</p>
<p><b>30</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Overeaters Anon-PH2</p>	<p><b>31 New Year's Eve</b> <b>Office Closes at Noon</b> <b>No School—Christmas Break</b> 8:30 Holy Folders-PH</p> <p><b>Ke `Alemanaka Assembly</b></p> <p><b>No Farmers Market</b></p>		<p><b>Key</b></p> <p>CH - Church PH - Parish House, main hall PH1 - Meeting room 1 in Parish House PH2 - Meeting room 2 in Parish House MB - Music Building SL - Staff Lounge KIT - Kitchen PG - Playground PKG - Parking Lot</p>

## A Galaxy of Hope



On Sunday evening, November 1<sup>st</sup>, The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii recognized St. Clement's Parish, along with 18 other Hawaii-based agencies, churches, and individuals, with a 2015 Sparks of Hope Award for our work in outreach to the hungry, homeless, and dispossessed in our community.

The celebration and banquet filled the community room at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin on Pali Highway with high energy, generous people committed to partnering with others to work across a



broad spectrum of Honolulu and the homeless/houseless challenge. The Rev. Chris Golding spoke for sparks from St. Clement's, including Rep. Della Au Bellati, Dana Anderson, Jane Anderson, Susan Palmore, Pam Fern, Wendy Goodenow, and Candy Love, as well as for our very own meteor, Cecilia Fordham who organized the entire evening as a member of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii. Our work with Family Promise, IHS, YO! House, and Food Distribution received appreciative applause, and all of us there were able to network with other recipients to strengthen and cross-pollinate our efforts. The evening was a blazing good time.

~~ Submitted by Dana Anderson

## St. Clement's on Social Media



The Parish's Facebook and Twitter accounts have recently been re-established:

Please "Like" us on Facebook using this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/stclementsHonolulu>

And "Follow" us on Twitter using this one:

<http://twitter.com/stclemshonolulu>

Please also share and re-Tweet widely!

P.S. You can now also "Like" the Makiki Farmer's Market on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/makikifarmersmarket>

~~ Submitted by Rev. Chris



## Come, Be A Part of the St. Clement's Ohana

### Ushers for 7:30:

- ~open doors & windows
- ~take welcome table out to porte cochère
- ~put out offering plates & Sunday bulletins from sacristy
- ~welcome parishioners & give out Sunday bulletins
- ~collect offering & put away at end of service

### Ushers for 10:15:

- ~welcome parishioners & give out Sunday bulletins
- ~collect offering & put away at end of service
- ~bring welcome table back into church
- ~return offering plates to sacristy
- ~collect Sunday bulletins at end of service
- ~close & lock doors and windows

For more information or to volunteer, email Sandy Souza (7:30) at [sandi@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:sandi@hawaiiintel.net) or Arthur Buto (10:15) at [thebutos@yahoo.com](mailto:thebutos@yahoo.com)



## Parish Snap Shots



**Deja vu:** Rev. Liz, Cristy, and the ladies of Search Committee. Fourteen years ago the Search Committee took Rev. Liz to the Willows to say Aloha and welcome her to POSC. They took her again to the Willows to say Aloha and Mahalo for 14 years at POSC. Photo courtesy of Sandy Souza.



## Farmers Market Ministry Teams

Volunteer to help with this ministry by contacting  
Pam Fern (943-8987 or 561-1070) or Tim Hurd (372-9563)

Task	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24 & 31
<b>Point Person for Set Up and Parking 3:00-5:30pm</b>	Keith Kalway	Keith Kalway	Jim Quimby	<b>Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve</b>
<b>Parking 3:30-5:30 pm</b>	Jim Thomas	Pam Fern	Sue Quimby	
<b>Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm</b>	Jim Betts Nellie McLaughlin	Jim Betts Tim Hurd	Liz Ho Pam Fern	
<b>Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm</b>	Pam Fern - contact by phone 561-1070			<b>No Market</b>
<b>Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm</b>	Susan Palmore	Martha Morgan	Michele Morikami	
<b>Take down/ Closing* 7:20-8pm</b>	Beth Fincke Jim Mattingly John Marlowe*	Soane Lino Sandy Souza Arthur Buto*	River Kim Ken Morikami Pam Fern*	

*From Rev. Liz - cont'd*

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We have lost parishioners and we have gained parishioners – for a variety of reasons but mostly due to death, relocation to the mainland, and relocation from the mainland. Of course, some have left for personal reasons. We can only wish them well and hope that they have found faith communities that are a better fit for their needs.

We have lost many to death – over 100 funerals since my time here. That has been difficult. But I do know that their lives have touched many of us deeply and they will not be forgotten.

Finally, the staff over the years has been incredible. The one person I will name is our Parish Administrator, Carolyn Koehler, who arrived 10 months before I did. I have been incredibly fortunate to have Carolyn as a colleague for 14 years.

We have had three good associates – Rob DeWolfe, Mark Juchter, Michael Barham and now Chris Golding. And, of course, we had a curate for a year, Matthew Lukens. This must be a two-priest parish to effectively serve the pastoral, spiritual, formation, and administrative needs of St. Clement's. Without two priests, the ministries and needs of the community will suffer.

The past 14 years have been an unforgettable experience in so many ways – guiding a strong faith community with a desire to walk the talk of their faith and providing a place of support, worship, and spiritual exploration for those who come among us.

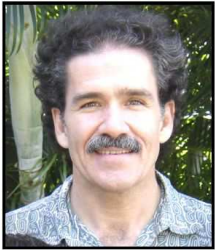
I give God thanks for the relationships I have formed here and for the memories and experiences that have helped me along on my own spiritual journey. My prayer is that the community will continue with its focus on spiritual growth and will continue to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ.

And I hope this community will never forget the words of the prophet Micah (6:8): “What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”



***liz+***

## A View from the Pew



*“For outlandish creatures like us, on our way to a heart, a brain, and courage, Bethlehem is not the end of our journey but only the beginning - not home but the place through which we must pass if ever we are to reach home at last.”*

~ Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

Symbol, metaphor, allegory, tale. Ritual, liturgy, ceremony, form. Tradition, custom, practice, way. Who needs it ?!?! We do.

People of every faith and religion ask this very same question. People who abide by no particular faith or religion ask this question, as well. Everyone who believes there is something beyond the existential human experience, that there is a transcendental spiritual one, asks this question and rightly so. And the answer is always yes, generation after generation after generation, yes.

The reason is simple, but it defies reason and is therefore not obvious. It is because we of this human experience have no tangible connection with the spiritual one. We cannot step through a door, going back and forth between the two. We cannot send letters, emails or texts from one experience to the other. Even though we can pray and meditate collectively and individually, we cannot hold a conversation with the spiritual as we would with one another.

Instead, humanity must transcend the existential, experience the transcendental, with only worldly phenomenon that, for reasons not always clear let alone explainable, puts us in contact with the Divine. To do otherwise is to do nothing at all, surrendering to the Mundane. From the dawn of human consciousness, we were and continue to be moved from the earthly to the other-worldly by the drama of nature. As we have evolved, and so too our consciousness, we likewise are drawn to the spiritual by more subtle forms such as incense and candlelight instead of smoke and fire, chant and hymn instead of wind and surf, and music and dance instead rainfall and river. As our contact with the transcendental became more frequent and, as a result, intimate, instead of just passively listening, we learned to actively pray. As we became aware of our subconscious, we realized that there is a place in our minds where we can virtually cease the human experience in meditation for varying periods of time and be embraced by the spiritual one. Eventually, as we learned that others were having similar or same experiences, we began to congregate in order to share them with one another and, together, we realized we were connected by these experiences; that not just biologically, but spiritually, we are all brothers and sisters, as well.

It is now Advent, the first season of the Christian liturgical year. It is a time that is filled with symbol, metaphor, allegory and tale; ritual, liturgy, ceremony and form; tradition, custom, practice and way. And rightly so. How else would the world know that poor, pregnant, unwed teenage girls are blessed in the eyes of God over and above the priestesses of temples and the queens of palaces? Who would guess that the children of “uncertain parentage” are indeed the Images of God and God Among Us? Where would we find examples of men who, against the anxiety of their own better judgment and contrary to the pressure of their community’s social mores, choose to listen to God instead and, in the process of being faithful to God, learn to be faithful to their families?

The next time we ask ourselves, “Who needs it?” it might serve us all well to remember the example of the simple Advent Wreath and its five candles; three purple or blue, one pink and one white. The three purple and blue candles remind us to Pray, be Penitent, and make Sacrifices for one another and through them, to God. The pink candle reminds us to Rejoice in our salvation through Jesus, our Messiah. The white candle reminds us of the birth of Jesus, God revealed in a little child, assuming all of our humanity yet remaining entirely Divine. And all five candles together remind us of Eternal Light, guiding us from this Experience into the Next..

*“God travels wonderful ways with human beings, but he does not comply with the views and opinions of people. God does not go the way that people want to prescribe for him; rather, his way is beyond all comprehension, free and self-determined beyond all proof. Where reason is indignant, where our nature rebels, where our piety anxiously keeps us away: that is precisely where God loves to be.”*

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God Is in the Manger*

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones

### **Mark Your 2016 Calendar**

Punahou Carnival Parking

Friday & Saturday,

**February 5 & 6.**

More information in the  
January Ke `Alemanaka.

~~ Submitted by Sandy Souza

# DECEMBER 2015 Lay Minister Schedule

Sunday	December 6	December 13	December 20	December 27
<b>Lectionary Year C</b>	<i>The Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	<i>The First Sunday after Christmas Day</i>
<b>Readings</b>	Malachi 3:1-4 Canticle 16 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 15 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55	Exodus 33:18-23 Psalm 92 1 John 1:1-9 John 21:19b-24
<b>Flowers</b>	Beth Fincke	Kiki Fordham	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau

\*\*\*\*\* **7:30 am Service** \*\*\*\*\*

<b>Lector</b>	Hew Reynolds	Sandy Souza	Kingsley Wong	
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Scott Hauger	Liz Ho	Martha Morgan	
<b>Euch. Min</b>	Dana Anderson	Scott Hauger	Pam Fern	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Pam Fern	Cecilia Fordham
<b>Ushers</b>	Jackie Oda Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Kingsley, Joni, & Tyler Wong	Sandy Souza
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Sandy Souza	Leslie Isaki Martha Laxson	Kingsley, Joni, and Tyler Wong	Cecilia Fordham

\*\*\*\*\* **10:15 am Service** \*\*\*\*\*

<b>Lector</b>	Gayle Chang	Hilary Gangnes	Annette Jim	Mary Carpenter
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Moria Amjadi	Jane Anderson	Mark Haworth (lector)	Moria Amjadi
<b>Euch. Min</b>	Brad Siefkes	Paris Priore-Kim	Sam Hawk (lector)	Mark Haworth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Buto	Liz Baldwin	Arthur Buto Liz Baldwin	Arthur Buto
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Moani Crowell	Tau'eva Lino	Nellie McLaughlin Beth Charlton	Liz Baldwin Miwako Shen

## Christmas Eve 5:00 pm

## Christmas Eve 10:30 pm

## Christmas Day 9:00 am

<b>Lector</b>	Keith Kalway
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Paris Priore-Kim
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	Mark Haworth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke
<b>Ushers</b>	Sandy Souza

<b>Lector</b>	Mary Carpenter
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Martha Morgan
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	Dana Anderson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke
<b>Ushers</b>	Liz Baldwin, Terry Ledford

<b>Lector</b>	Anna Blackwell
<b>Lector/EM</b>	Jim Quimby
<b>Euch. Minister</b>	Moria Amjadi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Beth Fincke
<b>Ushers</b>	Arthur Buto

**Greeters Team: Jim Quimby**

7:30 am Service: Jim Quimby, Carol Taylor, Annabel Murray

10:15 am Service: Beth Charlton, Liz Baldwin





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Schedule of Worship Services  
Sundays: 7:30 am and 10:15 am  
Wednesdays: 10 am  
1st Wednesday of month: 7 pm

## Datebook

Saturday, December 5  
8:30 am 1st Aid Training

Tuesday, December 8  
6 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, December 15  
**Ke`Alemanaka Deadline**

Saturday, December 19  
11:30 Food Distribution and Lunch

Sunday, December 21  
10:30 Service of Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 21-Friday, January 1  
St. Clement's School Christmas Break

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve  
**Office Closes at Noon**  
5 pm Family Service  
10 pm Christmas Carol Singing  
10:30 pm Festive Carol Eucharist

Friday, December 25  
**Office Closed**  
9 am Christmas Service

Sunday, December 27  
Rev. Liz and Cristy's last Sunday  
9 am **One Service Only**  
5:30 pm Rev Liz's Retirement Party

Thursday, December 31  
**8:30 am Ke`Alemanaka Assembly**

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm  
Tuesdays, 8:30 am to 8 pm

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